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UNDP Special Seminar

# TOWARDS 2030: A ROADMAP FOR AFRICA'S PROMISE

20 July 2023

14:00 - 15:30

Registration:



Venue:

Sanjo Conference Hall,  
Hongo Campus,  
the University of Tokyo

Language:

English

## About the Seminar

The quest for realizing Africa's promise: Africa's development trajectory remains uncertain. The continent has witnessed remarkable progress in economic growth and human development. However, the inequality gap remains troubling, compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic, adverse impact of the climate change and the war in Ukraine, which has reversed many gains. With these headwinds, more African countries experience difficulties in attaining the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Through this seminar, Dr. Raymond Gilpin, will share insights on medium- and long-term visions and strategies for African development and exchange views with the students from the University of Tokyo.

## Programme :

14:00 - 14:03 Opening Remark | Dr. Aya Suzuki, IFI, the University of Tokyo

14:03 - 14:18 Special lecture | Dr. Raymond Gilpin, UNDP

14:18 - 15:27 Questions and comments

15:27 - 15:30 Closing Remark | Ms. Hideko Hadzialic, Director,  
UNDP Representation Office in Tokyo

**Moderator:** Kazuyo Hanai, Project Assistant Professor  
IFI, the University of Tokyo

**Facilitator:** Aya Suzuki, Professor,  
Graduate School of Frontier Science, the University of Tokyo

Guest Speaker:

## Raymond Gilpin

Chief Economist, Regional Bureau for Africa,  
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

As a Chief Economist and Head of the Strategy, Analysis, and Research Team in UNDP's Africa bureau, he has given leadership on all matters of his team's responsibilities and managed the bureau's network of economists. Before joining UNDP, he was the academic dean of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies in Washington, DC, and the director of economics at the US Institute of Peace, where he chaired the task force on business and peace and supervised the web-based International Network for Economics and Conflict. He has also served as a research director at the African Development Bank, the World Bank, and the Central Bank of Sierra Leone. In honor of his work on economics and peace, Dr. Gilpin was inducted into the Martin Luther King Collegium of Scholars at Morehouse College in Atlanta in 2015.

